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Kluxers save TSU's heritage

By JAMES CROW

Forsyth County, Georgia - The good Klu Klux Klan citizen-members of this now infamous Georgia neck-of-the-woods have raised an undisclosed sum of money (genuine, not confederate) for scholarships to Tennessee State University for white students chosen by Nashville's Atty. Brad Reed.

The Kluxers moved swiftly, "to save the nigger school up yonder in Tennessee," after reading what State Board of Regents member Reed had to say about the sad state of TSU in an "S.O.S." (Save Oh, Save) slanted article printed in the Nashville Banner.

Jack Hate, Kluxer education chairman, said there was only one eligibility qualification for the proposed TSU matriculates. "The children we send up 'thar to near-Yankeeland must've been born and bred in Forsyth County Georgee. Our brother in flesh and thought, the

gentleman southerner, Brad Reed, didn't say so, but us knows that he means to save that pitiful school place with our kind of folk."

Hate, a 13th generation Kluxer, said the first scholarship award will be launched by bringing Reed to Forsyth County for a cross burning, skunk-skinning gala to present "our fellow clean thinker" a gold tinted hood, highlighted by a blood trimmed sheet.

Sam Hangman, Kluxers activity chairman, said, "We're thinking about, I said thinking about bringing that gal Operal Windy back here to the gala, since it was on her account that we've learnt there is such a place as Tennessee State Univer'al."

Hangman's assistant, Andy Rope, said, "What a day we'll have at the gala next July 4 in our special field deep in woods with Brother Brad Reed blessing our 'pure bloodied' scholarship program... only to save TSU."



Out-Houses donated by Winfrey

By BRODERICK LIGHTFOOT

Celebrated talk show host/actress Oprah Winfrey is giving Tennessee State University something they can always use - a bunch of toilets - whenever the emergency arises.

Winfrey has donated to each TSU department a toilet, which she says, "are never around when you need them." Because she has been constantly approached by TSU, so she says, for a lucrative donation, she thought that this would be the ideal gift. "Every time they have to go they will think of me," she said.

Winfrey expects the Out-Houses to arrive some time before her confirmed speaking engagement at TSU's 1987 May Commencement Exercises. "If



Oprah Winfrey

they arrive before I get there," she said, "then my presence will be that much more overwhelming. And you know I just love praise."

But there is one thing Winfrey doesn't like. She says her pet peeve is when people ask her for money and donations to "help this or that."

"I can't stand to be asked for hand-outs," she exclaimed. "It burns me up when people know you have something and they expect you to get up off it just like that. Well, its going to take more than memories to empty my pocket."

Winfrey said she is honored to be asked to speak at her Alma Mater, although she did not complete her degree. Administrative

sources, who asked that their names not be disclosed, say that Winfrey lacked completion of her senior project class. She had submitted a video tape for her project, but did not enroll in school.

"She expected to be awarded a grade without enrolling in school, said an administrator. "I guess she thought her name was good enough, but you know, it wasn't."

Winfrey refused to comment about her degree, but claimed she did receive it and that "whoever said she didn't is lying." When Winfrey was asked to produced verification of her degree she said, "I don't have to prove anything to anyone. Remember, my name is Oprah Faye Winfrey, you need me, I don't need you."

TSU President's home to be mortgaged

By MARRIOT REGENCY

When Tennessee State University President Dr. Otis Floyd said, "I'll selling the house I live in." He never expected it to come true, or

happen so soon.

Tennessee State Board Of Regents have decided to mortgage the home built for elected TSU presidents to reside in during their tenure. The house, valued at well over

a hundred thousand dollars, will be sold and the money used for unfortunate students and scholastic achievers. And the board says they credit the idea to Dr. Floyd.

"We were sitting around

wondering how to get funds to distribute to impoverished students in order to keep enrollment up," said Thomas Garland, Chancellor of the Board of Regents. When Dr.

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Floyd came up with an idea and said he would 'rather stay in the dorms, we knew he would do anything to help students get a higher education."

"That's when the idea hit me, why not mortgage the president's home, he said. "We can have it sold by April 1, if we push it."

Dr. Floyd was just as bewildered about the decision as he was when called on to be interim president. "In fact, it was like de ja vu," Dr. Floyd said. "I am just as lost as I was when I first came here. They don't let me make any decisions."

Students are eager for the interim president to move into the dorms because some say it will allow them to have nice long uninterrupted conversation with the president.

"I hope he moves into Boyd Hall because we really

would like to show him what we think of him," said Butch Robinson, captain of the TSU weight lifting team. "The boys and I have been getting together his house warming gift to show him how welcomed he is."

"I think that's sweet,"

said Tony Fagley. "I got some beauty secrets I would like to share with him. You know, like what to wear to a press conference, getting a manicure and coordinating your wardrobe."

Garland said Floyd will have a choice of one of the men's residential halls to stay in. "I feel this will allow Dr. Floyd and any other president to mix and mingle with the student body 24 hours a day," added Garland. "Whether or not he will stay in the new proposed coed dorms, is probably up to his wife."



Photo by Gloria Lewis

This is one student's response to Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner Jim Delaney and the OVC.

Harsh attitude demotes administrator

By JOSEPH CASEY

Dr. Robert Boone, interim associate vice president of Academic Affairs, has been removed from his present position and demoted to chief of campus security, after reports of harassing students were confirmed, a campus press released said.

Because of Boone's constant "Hitler attitude" toward students, as Hitler had toward Jews, recently elected Tennessee State University president Dr. Otis Floyd said such "Rambo techniques" should be harnessed and put to proper use, so he reassigned Boone to another post.

"I think that Dr. Boone's display of personal hatred for students here at TSU is not appropriate for the administration that will govern this campus," said Dr. Floyd. "But instead of removing him completely, I have decided, since I am president, to reassign him to another position where he can be of some use. I guess I owe him that much for sticking by me during the selection process."

Telephone calls to Dr. Boone's office were greeted by an answering machine and not returned.

Fraternity brawl injures dean

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By SUGAR RAY LEONARD AND MARVIN HAGLER

Two Greeks on the campus of Tennessee State University recently got into an argument that led to a nasty fight, leaving a campus administrator severely hurt.

The two members, Kevin Brown, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi and Kelvin Bowen, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, were involved in an argument about which one of them was the true "K.B." on the campus of TSU. Apparently, the other disagreed, which immediately led to a fist fight.

The two argued using every word but the child of God. "K.B." hit "K.B." and the fight began.

After the first lick was thrown other members from each organization started to get involved, spreading blood all over the university plaza. It ended up as a Kappa vs. Alpha brawl.

Dean Myles, the men's dean of students, got involved by saying neither are great organizations so there really isn't a need to fight.

Just as Myles started to break up the fight he was immediately assaulted with a club, which left him lying helpless and bloody on the ground.

"All of a sudden the two organizations attacked Mr. Myles, causing severed damage to his head," said Vice President of Student Affairs

Barbara Murrell as she watched from her office window. "I asked him not to get involved, but he didn't listen, and see what happened."

Myles will be out for the entire year, a TSU Health Center spokesman said.

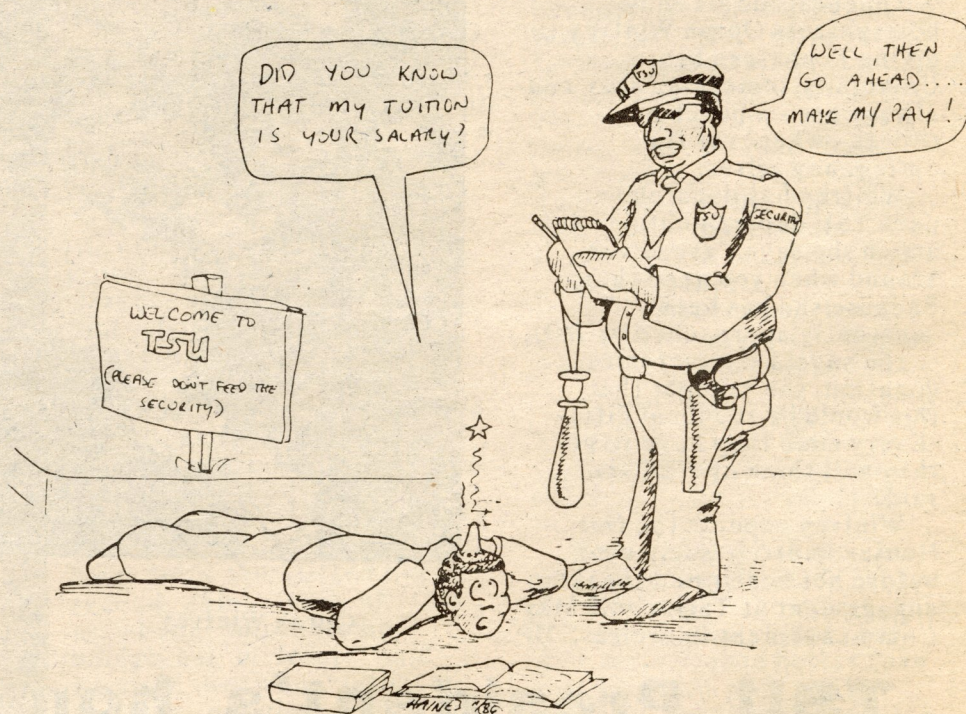
Said one Alpha member, "Remember in the future Dean Myles, Greek business is Greek business, not dean's business."

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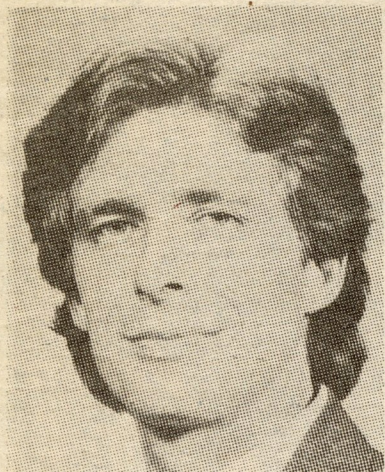
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Rhoda to become publisher of EBONY



Richard Rhoda



John H. Johnson

By BEANHEAD FOOLEY

After 62 years of faithful service to the black community, EBONY's Publisher & Editor John H. Johnson has decided to step down from his throne allow Tennessee State University's Rich Rhoda to take his place.

"I chose Rhoda because he displayed leadership and determination during the Miss TSU incident," said Johnson. "An editor needs to stick to his guns about certain things he believes in."

Tennessee State University's 1985-86 campus queen, Ms. Regina Hampton of St. Louis, Missouri, was barred by Rhoda from appearing in the black publication.

Rhoda said that "her appearance would represent the university as a predominantly black institution," which is what they were trying to avoid.

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Farrakhan, Botha to speak at graduation

By COSATU TUTU

Louis Farrakhan, muslim, and President P.W. Botha of South Africa selected as the commencement speakers for the 1987 Summer graduation exercises.

"Usually there is only one speaker selected" said Greg Smith, senior class president. "But the selection committee could not come to terms on electing one specific candidate."

Coleman McGinnis, TSU instructor and plaintiff in the 50/50 desegregation lawsuit against TSU, was one of the opposing committee members. McGinnis said that he could not allow the candidate chosen by Dr. Hoyt King, head of the Government and Political Affairs Department at TSU, to speak. Dr. King selected Farrakhan because "he is an excellent speaker."

"I feel that Farrakhan would have a much better impact and much more to say to the TSU graduates," argued King.

To compromise, and end the constant bickering, the

Ms. Hampton was a landmark decision, and very tough to do," said Rhoda, executive assistant to the TSU president. "I think I displayed who is in charge and who possesses the power. Johnson saw that and liked what he had seen."

Rhoda said his first task as editor will be to ban the black campus queen idea and incorporate a more conservative approach.

How he is going to do this, he said, is confidential and could not be disclosed. He also plans to reword the title of the magazine so that it does not stand for "one particular group, but the mass of people this world represents." Some of the titles up for consideration are: IVORY & EBONY, SALT & PEPPER, AND ZEBRA WORLD.

Rhoda expects to begin work by April 1.

committee decided to ask both committee members to select a speaker, Dr. King said he was pleased with Farrakhan. McGinnis said that he knows how to get President Botha. At that moment Dr. King stood up, gathered his materials and walked out of the meeting saying, "If you want a war McGinnis, brother you've got one!"

Both guest are confirmed to appear and share equal billings and speaking time. McGinnis said that he will ask Botha to speak about his new book "New Rules for Black Schools."

"I think with the current court decision this topic will benefit the TSU body and graduates more than that 'reaching you goals' speech I hear every year," McGinnis said.

Dr. King said that he could not disclose what Farrakhan is going to speak about, but that "it would be to your advantage to be there and not only hear, but see for yourself."

Carr joins Reed's firm

By JOHN WISEMAN
Tennessee State University's out-going Student Government Association President Greg Carr has selected for a internship with the Brad Reed Legal Eagle Law Firm that will "coach and teach business," said a spokesperson for the firm.

Carr will work close with TSU as legal advisor for the distribution of five Forsyth Scholarships awarded annually.

"I am very honored to have such a momentous undertaking," said Carr. "It only goes to show you how nice Mr. Reed is to offer me this position after all the strong speeches

and statements I've made toward discrimination."

Said Reed, he "was only giving the boy, I mean Greg, a chance. Sometimes you have to reach out and help the needed. If we (whites) don't, who will."

Reed, an attorney, is well known for his experience in education. He recently wrote an editorial in the Nashville Banner criticizing TSU's educational program.

Reed was also involved in the landmark victory TSU vs. Forsyth supreme court case that granted five Forsyth residents free admission and tuition to the predominantly black institution.

Dean Myles releases TSU que's suspension

Reveals secret desire to pledge

By RICARDO ALCATRAZO

It has been four years since Tennessee State University's Omega Psi Phi, Rho Psi undergraduate chapter, pledging activities were halted, but that 5-year-suspension might be lifted this spring, according to Mr. Ronald Myles, Dean of Men at TSU.

Myles says he thinks it is time the "ques" returned to TSU. They have been punished long enough and now it's time to get this school back alive and kicking," said Myles.

Since the four-year suspension; TSU has been at its lowest ebb like I have never seen before," said Myles. "If I had only realized this beforehand; making that very hasty and irrational decision cost us four whole years."

"I'm deeply sorry for my rash decision," said Myles. "I guess I was very disappointed when I went to interviews at Jack-Legged State University and was not accepted, so I decided to take my revenge out on TSU."

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Students have been striving to keep the "ques" alive by forming interest groups and holding unofficial carwashes. Money made from these carwashes go into a trust fund to benefit prospective pledgees chosen by the fraternity.

Myles said he has always wanted to wear those colors (Purple & Gold) since the day he came to JSU in 1962. And upon his graduation in 1966 he still had not been accepted by the undergraduate chapter.

"Maybe if I release their suspension TSU might give me a second chance," Myles said. "Because I truly want to be recognized as a nasty que dog."

Myles said he would have the suspension lifted before the Easter holidays so that the fraternity could meet to discuss interviewing after Easter. He feels he has a strong chance of being

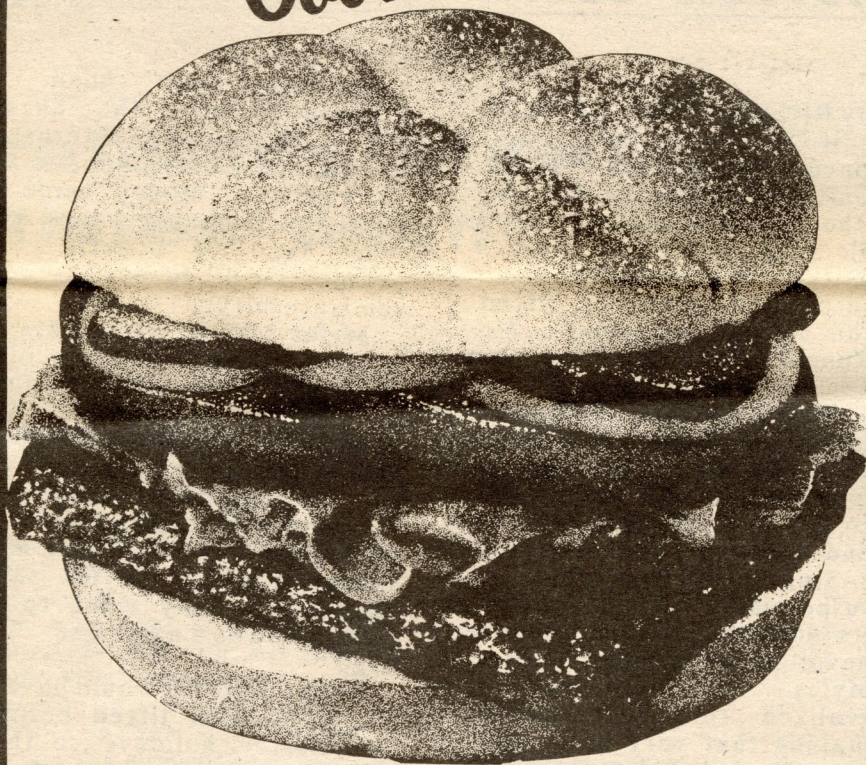
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Aristocrats expose female impersonator

By MASCULINE MANNISH

It's a shame when people don't know what sex they are, "said Professor Benjamin Kirk, assistant band director, in his anger toward a male sophomore student who posed as a member of the Tennessee State University Aristocrat of Bands all female majorette squad.

Tony Fagley had successfully posed as a TSU majorette up until the last game of the season when his gender was revealed during a high kicking half-time performance.

"This show was designed to get response from the crowd," said Prof. Edward Graves, head band director, "but not by exposing ourselves."

The majorettes were in the middle of their routine where they form a line, mimicking the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, and kick repeatedly in the air above their waist. Wearing full body suits that fitted like a second skin, "one of the member's suits seemed to bulge out in front," said Kirk as he went into the motions of the majorettes dance routine.

"I'm always down there

making sure they execute well, and are smiling," he said. "I go down the line looking at each girl from head to toe. When I got to the last girl I notice something pointing toward me, and it wasn't her finger."

It was obvious that everyone else knew also because the crowd began to laugh at the discovery. Looking exactly like a member of the dancing troop-wig, boots, make-up, polished nails, and silicone body parts-fagley was very convincing in his walk, poise and dance movements. "He really fooled everyone," said a band member.

"I'm embarrassed for the school and myself," murmured Kirk. "If I hadn't picked him

none of this would have happened." Kirk is responsible for the majorettes auditions and selection process.

When asked about his exposure Fagley said, "I have no comment about my reasons for doing what I did, but I will say I looked better than any of those girls on the squad." Fagley is a nursing major and an ex-member of the TSU football team.

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